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TAGS: PGOV, IR, JO, SA, US

SUBJ: SITUATION IN IRAN--MEETING WITH SHAH

REF: STATE 229155

1. PLEASE INFORM PRESIDENT THAT SHAH WILL BE EXPECTING HIS TELEPHONE CALL AT 1600 TEHRAN TIME WHICH IS 0800 WASHINGTON TIME. I HAVE PASSED ORAL MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL AND HAD OVER AN HOUR AUDIENCE WITH SHAH SUNDAY MORNING.

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2. I FOULD HIM TIRED AND DISTURBED BUT WITH CONSIDERABLY GREATER SPIRIT THAN AT MY LAST AUDIENCE. HE REAFFIRMED HIS INTENTION TO CONTINUE LIBERALIZATION PROCESS AND SPOKE OF SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTS WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO MAJLES IN THAT CONTEXT. HE ALSO SPOKE OF A CRACKDOWN ON CORRUPTION. HE RECOGNIZED THAT MARTIAL

LAW COULD NOT BE A SOLUTION, BUT ONLY AN INTERIM MEASURE
TO RESTORE ORDER BEFORE PROCEEDING TO FREE ELECTIONS.

3. HE BELIEVES THAT SOVIET AGITATORS HAVE HAD A HAND
IN RECENT EVENTS AND THAT PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATORS ON
FRIDAY HAD BEEN TO OCCUPY THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING AND
THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS AT THE POST AND TELEGRAPH
BUILDING. WHEN HE BEGAN TO REFER TO REPORTS OF U.S.
INVOLVEMENT, I INTERRUPTED HIM TO GIVE HIM A RATHER
SHARP LECTURE ON U.S. POLICY AND INTEGRITY. HE TOOK
HIS IN GOOD GRACE AND SAID HE ACCEPTED MY ASSURANCES.

4. HE THEN INDICATED THAT HE FELT THE NEED FOR A
PUBLIC STATEMENT OF U.S. SUPPORT IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
HE SAID HE WOULD INDICATE TO THE PRESIDENT THAT SUCH A
STATEMENT WOULD "CLEAR THE AIR HERE AND IN THE REGION."

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ALERT THE PRESIDENT, PRIOR
TO HIS 0800 TELEPHONE CALL, THAT THE SHAH WILL BE SEEKING
FROM HIM SOME UNDERTAKING TO MAKE A PUBLIC INDICWTION OF
U.S. SUPPORT, SO THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN CONSIDER HOW
TO HANDLE THIS. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO
HAVE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCE THAT TELEPHONE CALL
WAS MADE. SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT COULD ALSO BE VEHICLE FOR
CONVEYING SHAH'S ASSURANCES (WHICH HE WILL PRESUMABLE
MAKE TO PRESIDENT) CONCERNING CONTINUED DRIVE FOR
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